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COMMITTEE - DANISH REACTION

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1. JOHN SVENNIGSEN,ILO INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS SECRETARY,
TOLD LABATT THAT THE AFL-CIO HAD INFORMED SVEND BACHE
VOGNBJERG, DANISH CHAIRMAN OF THE OECD'S TRADE UNION ADVISORY
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COMMITTEE (TUAC), THAT IT WOULD REJOIN THE TUAC AS OF JAN 1.

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VOGNBJERG APPARENTLY DISCUSSED THIS MATTER WITH AFL-CIO OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON LAST WEEK, AND WAS REPORTEDLY INFORMED OF THE DECISION SUBSEQUENTLY WHILE IN NEW YORK AT THE UNGA.

2. VOGNBJERG, WHO TENDS TO BE CRITICAL OF THE AMERICAN LABOR MOVEMENT, AND SVENNINGSEN HAVE HAD MIXED REACTIONS TO THIS NEWS AND ARE STILL SCEPTICAL THAT THE AFL-CIO WILL IN FACT SUBMIT ITS LETTER OF APPLICATION. CONTRIBUTING TO THEIR MIXED FEELINGS, PRESUMABLY, IS THEIR SUSPICION THAT THE AFL-CIO IS INTERESTED IN REJOINING TUAC IN ORDER TO INFLUENCE DISCUSSIONS REGARDING MNCS, AS WELL AS ON ENERGY MATTERS. AS EUROPEAN LABOR LEADERS ARE STILL IN THE PROCESS OF TRYING TO FORMULATE THEIR POSITION ON MNCS (PARTICULARLY AMERICAN MNCS), THEY ARE PREDICTABLY SCEPTICAL OF AMERICAN LABOR'S INVOLVEMENT IN THAT PROCESS. DUNNIGAN

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